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Re: U.S. Patent Application

MULTILAYER LOSSLESS DATA COMPRESSION ACROSS A NETWORK

Inventor: LIN et al.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a United States patent application which includes 11 pages of specification, 28 claims, Abstract of the Disclosure, 5 sheets of formal drawings, and an unexecuted Declaration. Applicant respectfully claim Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The executed Declaration and surcharge for late-filing of the Declaration, the filing fee, and an Assignment will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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